

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of the claims:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cylinder head gasket, comprising:
one metal plate for forming the gasket having a cylinder bore and a folded portion formed around the cylinder bore, and
a paint coating formed on at least one side of the metal plate outside the folded portion without overlapping thereto for forming a surface pressure thereat, said paint coating having a hardness of 2H-6H in pencil hardness without foaming.
2. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein said paint coating is provided only around the folded portion to form a first paint coating therearound.
3. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein said metal plate further includes a liquid hole and a bead formed around liquid hole, said paint coating being formed only on and around the bead surrounding the liquid hole to form a second paint coating therearound.
4. (currently amended) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein said metal plate further includes a liquid hole and a bead formed around the liquid hole, said paint coating being formed around the folded portion without overlapping thereto to form a first paint coating therearound and also formed on and around the bead surrounding the liquid hole outside the first paint coating to form a second paint coating therearound, said second paint coating having a thickness less than that of the first paint coating.

5. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 4, wherein said second paint coating is formed only around the liquid hole.

6. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 4, wherein said folded portion has a largest thickness in the gasket.

7. (currently amended) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 6, wherein said bead is a half bead to form an inner side and an outer side relative to the liquid hole so that when the gasket is tightened, surface pressures on the gasket are arranged as such that the folded portion [[>]] is greater than the inner portion [[>]] ; the inner portion is greater than the first paint coating [[>]] ; and the first paint coater is greater than the outer portion.

8. (currently amended) A cylinder head gasket ~~according to claim 4,~~ wherein comprising:

one metal plate for forming the gasket having a cylinder bore, a folded portion formed around the cylinder bore, a liquid hole and a bead formed around the liquid hole, and

a paint coating formed on at least one side of the metal plate outside the folded portion without overlapping thereto for forming a surface pressure thereat, said paint coating being formed around the folded portion to form a first paint coating therearound and also formed on and around the bead surrounding the liquid hole outside the first paint coating to form a second paint coating therearound, said second paint coating having a thickness less than that of the first paint coating, said first and second paint coatings are being formed to partly abut against each other.

9. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 4, wherein said first and second paint coatings are spaced from each other.

10. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 4, wherein said paint coating is formed on two sides of the metal plate symmetrically.

11. (original) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein said paint coating is formed of a synthetic resin.

12. (new) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein said paint coating has a thickness less than that of the folded portion.

13. (new) A cylinder head gasket according to claim 4, wherein said paint coating has a thickness less than that of the folded portion.